

DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

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the specification of which is attached hereto;

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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		YES	NO	YES	NO
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